

## **Snowy Mountains Patrol Worker**

An exciting opportunity has arisen to establish a new disciple-making ministry in the remote Snowy Mountains area of SE NSW and East Gippsland VIC. In the mountainous border area between Victoria and NSW, there are few, if any, Bible teaching churches and very little Gospel witness. A suitable worker for the Presbyterian Inland Mission is being sought to carry out a mobile vehicle-based patrol ministry in this area.

Status: Full Time Position  
Location: NSW / VIC (within the patrol area)  
Salary Package: Available on request  
Applications close: 6 May 2022

### **About us:**

The Presbyterian Inland Mission (PIM) is a disciple making organisation that engages, equips, and encourages inland communities in Christian mission through partnerships with local churches throughout Australia. We coordinate ministry teams who work in diverse environments, and with a variety of people to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

PIM is establishing its home at a property at Ardlethan, NSW. This is being developed as a place where all God's people can be inspired, equipped and sent out to proclaim Jesus Christ to those living in remote and rural localities.

PIM conducts a number of patrol-based ministries, works actively and cooperatively alongside Presbyteries and local churches that have mission reach to the inland and provides personnel and other resources to help specific local churches reach out further than they could do on their own.

PIM is governed by a committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia that emphasises outward vision, strategic leadership, proactivity, and collective decision making.

More information about PIM can be found at [pim.org.au](http://pim.org.au)

### **About the Role:**

The Snowy Mountains Patrol Worker role is a frontline ministry focused on evangelism and discipling amongst people living in the Snowy Mountains area. The Snowy Mountains Patrol Worker will seek to intentionally share the Gospel with local people and build up existing believers. They will also be regularly called upon to provide Christian pastoral care in a wide range of situations.

The Snowy Mountains Patrol worker will carry out a mobile vehicle-based patrol ministry radiating from the Bombala township. The worker will be required to regularly travel on overnight patrols, visiting people living in remote areas within the area.

The Snowy Mountains Patrol Worker will report to the CEO.

### **Primary Areas of Focus:**

#### Evangelism

The Patrol worker will devote considerable effort towards seeking out opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Where those opportunities do not naturally arise, the worker will prayerfully and thoughtfully seek to create these opportunities.

#### Edification

The Patrol worker will actively seek out followers of Jesus Christ in the Snowy Mountains area to encourage and disciple them on in their faith. This includes supporting new/young believers to grow in their love for Jesus, understanding of the Word, and abilities to share Christ, and working with mature believers to provide encouragement, resources and connections with others. From time to time, the

worker will lead people in public worship and preach from the Word in either an impromptu situation or as part of a regular church service.

#### Pastoral Care

The Patrol worker must be sensitive to the emotional, spiritual and practical needs of the people whom they minister amongst. Where situations of unmet pastoral and practical needs are identified, the worker will bring love, grace and wisdom into the situation in an appropriate manner that serves those in need.

#### **About You:**

The applicant for this role must have a solid understanding of Scripture and Reformed Theology, developed through formal theological education, or by disciplined self-study.

The applicant is expected to have proven abilities in evangelism, discipling and pastoral care, including experience in preaching. The applicant must also be willing to continually develop their ministry skills and knowledge over the course of the role.

The applicant must be self-motivated and willing to establish creative ways to introduce people to Jesus Christ. They must be a relationally orientated person with evangelistic drive who can quickly build rapport with local people.

#### **Key Selection Criteria**

- A thorough understanding of the Christian Gospel, and a solid and growing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that is lived out daily and effectively communicated with others
- A life and work background that helps to understand and connect with the local culture of the area in meaningful ways
- Reformed theological convictions, and if not completed already, willing to commence a theological course of study
- Relational and evangelistic skills to communicate the Gospel with people who have never heard it before
- Ability to disciple other Christians to grow in their faith, Christian maturity and ability to share the Gospel with others
- Ability to exercise effective Christian pastoral care in a range of contexts, with a variety of people, with limited immediate external support
- Ability to assist congregations by planning and supporting worship services, as well as leading services and preaching
- Written and verbal communication skills that translate to public speaking and writing to the wider church about the ministry
- Biblically qualified to be an elder within the PCA
- Able to travel in remote areas with regular overnight stays
- Competent in operating and travelling in a 4WD vehicle
- Willing to relocate to a suitable small town in the patrol area.

#### **Desirable**

- A wife who is willing and able to work alongside as her commitments allow, using her unique gifts and skills to add considerable value to this ministry

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